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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:  
Anthony B. Troutt

Docket No.: 2623-B

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: D. Jiang

Serial No: 09/488,728

Filed: January 20, 2000

For: METHOD OF REGULATING NITRIC OXIDE PRODUCTION

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**  
**Response to Restriction Requirement**

BOX NON FEE  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2001 (Paper No. 6) having a due date of June 29, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. This response is being filed within the one-month shortened statutory period for reply.

Claims 3-6 are pending in the application, with claim 3 being in independent form. Applicant wishes to cancel pending claims 3-6 and introduce a substitute set of claims, namely claims 13 and 14. Therefore, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner amend the subject application as follows:

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 3-6.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) A method of treating or preventing an inflammatory disease in a mammal, comprising administering an effective amount of an Interleukin-17 Receptor (IL-17R) protein and a suitable diluent or carrier, wherein the inflammatory disease is selected from the group consisting of ulcerative colitis, diabetes and Crohn's disease.

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